

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS		
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	117.0	
Monthly flying-hour contract	51.8	
Hours flown	-65.2	
Monthly offset		
33rd Rescue Squadron	223.0	
Monthly flying-hour contract	223.0	
Hours flown	-3.0	
Monthly offset		
905th Air Refueling Squadron	540.0	
Monthly flying-hour contract	471.1	
Hours flown	-68.9	
Monthly offset		
44th Fighter Squadron	299.0	
Monthly sortie contract	315.0	
Sorties flown	16.0	
Monthly offset		
67th Fighter Squadron	437.0	
Monthly sortie contract	352.0	
Sorties flown	-85.0	
Monthly offset		
Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Nov. 1		

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Partly cloudy  
NE winds @ 8-12 knots  
High: 73 Low: 64

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy  
N winds @ 10-12 knots  
High: 75 Low: 64

SUNDAY: Partly cloudy  
N winds @ 10-12 knots  
High: 77 Low: 64

FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITY BANK  
EXCHANGE RATES  
BUYING: \$1=¥103 SELLING: ¥109=\$1

# 18th CEG named best in PACAF

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Pacific Air Forces officials recently named Kadena's 18th Civil Engineer Group the "Best in PACAF."

Col. Juan Ibanez, 18th Civil Engineer Group commander, congratulated the more than 1,500 military and civilian personnel under his command in a message forwarded to base leaders.

"This award culminates a very robust year with many achievements by our team," Ibanez said. "In my four months here I've witnessed superb team play and leadership at all levels."

Last year, the 18th CEG was one of the first units to deploy Airmen to Balad Air Base, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. More than 100 engineers helped transform the base – that

was stripped bare after receiving heavy damage during Operation Desert Storm – into an operational hub for coalition forces to conduct strategic airlift missions.

Twelve of the group's 15 EOD team members also deployed last year in support of OIF. Collectively, the technicians endured 93 hostile-fire missions, "defeated" five roadside explosive devices and helped dispose of a 515,000-lb. munitions cache.

Mother Nature presented the group with challenges as well. CEG personnel cleared more than 154 tons of debris in the aftermath of three major typhoons last year.

Kadena firefighters also responded to a natural disaster in northern Japan last fall after an earthquake triggered fires throughout Hokkaido. The fire department shipped more than 56,000 liters of

fire retardant foam to reinforce Japanese firefighters' efforts.

CEG's readiness flight significantly contributed to the Wing's "Excellent" rating in last year's Operational Readiness Inspection, leading Kadena to the "Best ATSO seen in PACAF."

In addition to deployments and crisis response actions, CEG managed PACAF's largest construction program – consisting of more than 140 projects worth over \$429 million – to help improve quality of life.

The 18th CEG is composed of the 18th and 718th Civil Engineer Squadrons, consisting of operations, maintenance engineering, EOD, readiness, fire and emergency services, engineering, housing, housing maintenance, environmental, real estate, and resources flights.

## Team Kadena prepares to celebrate 50-year history

By Senior Airman  
Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Tonight Team Kadena will celebrate 50 years of base history during an age-old, traditional military formal dining experience at the Rocker NCO Club.

Dining-outs stem from the much older custom of dining-ins — formal dinners for military members designed to enhance esprit de corps through an atmosphere of good fellowship. The difference between the two is that a dining-out allows spouses and guests to attend.

According to Master Sgt. Teresa Hall, 18th Maintenance Operations Squadron first sergeant and the event's publicity chairperson, the dining-out is a venue for members, spouses and other guests to get together and have fun.

"It represents the most formal aspect of Air Force social life," she said. "It's a good way for everyone on base to come together and interact. It's about camaraderie."

Among the variety of ceremonial rites carried during the evening, there is the infamous "trip to the grog bowl"—a concoction of liquids that not many people find pleasing to the taste. If dinner attendees break any

### Looking back in history...

- Nov. 1, 1954: The 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing arrived at Kadena.
- February 1955: The 18th FBW flew over 180 operational missions in support of U.S. and Chinese Nationalist Air Force Units in the first Straits of Taiwan crisis.
- July 1, 1958: The 18th FBW was redesignated the 18th Tactical Fighter Wing.
- June 19, 1960: President Dwight Eisenhower was the first president to visit Kadena.
- Dec. 18, 1964: The first actions were taken by 18th TFW aircraft to support the Vietnam conflict in Southeast Asia, flying missions out of Korat, Thailand.
- May 15, 1972: Sovereignty of Okinawa reverted back to the Government of Japan.
- April 1975: F-4C Phantoms from the 18th TFW deployed to South Vietnam to assist in Operation Frequent Wind – the evacuation of Saigon.
- Sept. 29, 1979: The 67th TFS became the first fully equipped F-15C/D squadron in PACAF.
- July 1980: The first E-3 Sentry in the Pacific theater became part of the wing.
- Oct. 1, 1991: The wing reorganized into the largest composite wing in the Air Force, and was redesignated the 18th Wing.
- July 2000: President Bill Clinton visited Okinawa to attend the Group of Eight Summit. He was the first president since Dwight Eisenhower to visit Okinawa.
- October 2001 - Present: Kadena Airmen contributed to Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom from various deployed locations.

of the 16 "rules of the mess" and are called out for their transgression, they will visit to the grog bowl.

"Basically, everyone tells on each other," said Sergeant Hall. "It's hysterical."

Additionally, if any of the "rules of the grog" are broken while visiting the grog, it may call for another visit.

"It's really funny to see people go up there, mess up and have to do it again," said Sergeant Hall. "I would advise that people check out the rules before they come because otherwise, if you mess up you're going to the grog."

The purpose of the event is to celebrate 50 years that the 18th Wing has resided Kadena.

Historically, the 18th Wing started as the 18th Pursuit Group on Jan. 21,

1927 at Wheeler Field, Hawaii, and moved from Hawaii to Kadena on Nov. 1, 1954, after the Korean War. It is the largest combat, composite wing in the Air Force and is the only tactical wing that has never been stationed in the continental United States.

Throughout the years the wing has earned many honors - including 17 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards. The wing saw action across the Pacific in World War II, in Korea, and Vietnam, and more recently deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

To view a list of the rules of engagement for the dining-out, visit the Kadena Intranet Web site and click on the dining-out link.

To learn more about Kadena's history visit Kadena's Web site.

### Ties that bind



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower

Senior Airman Franklin Torres, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, helps tie ropes together near Koza Sports Park Saturday. Kadena volunteers helped put the finishing touches on the ropes bound together for this weekend's Okinawa City International Carnival. The opening ceremony for the carnival begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Okinawa Children's Zoo and continues with various events near Kadena's Gate 2 until 4 p.m. Sunday. Saturday - The Pacific Air Forces Band, Pacific Trends, will perform from 6:15 to 8 p.m. at the zoo, and Kadena children will participate in basketball and soccer shootouts from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. outside Kadena's Gate 2. Sunday - Kadena volunteers will participate in the International Parade on Four Corners from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the International Tug of War on Gate 2 Street from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

18th Wing commander declares Nov. 12 Goal Day - see page 2





# 18th Wing earns 'Goal Day'

## Wingman system in full force

By Brig. Gen.  
Jan-Marc Jouas  
18th Wing Public Affairs

As we approach the beginning of another busy season on Okinawa, I look back with a commander's pride on how well Team Kadena has performed during the past several months.

We've experienced an incredibly busy period sustaining operations at the busiest base in the Air Force—deployments, bed-downs, inspections, competitions, on and off-base support activities for Team Kadena and our neighbors, and no less than five typhoons (one of which

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took away our Labor Day celebrations), and nine aircraft evacuations.

Kadena warriors have again and again watched quality time with family slip from their fingers in response to required, and vital, mission requirements, yet we haven't missed a beat. It's time to take a well-earned break.

I'm designating Nov. 12, the Friday after Veterans Day, an 18th Wing Goal Day. This is a down day, during which time—as well as the rest of the holiday weekend—I expect every wing member not engaged in necessary duties to spend time with family or friends. This is not a time to get caught up on work —

it's a time to relax.

Team Kadena works hard, day-in and day-out, and our families sacrifice greatly to help us maintain, promote and defend our cherished freedoms; this is also a way of saying "thank you" to our families.

Ninety-six hours is a long time—enjoy them responsibly, and look out for your wingman during this extended off-duty period.

I want to see all of you back on Monday... recharged and ready for the fight the next week, when we again test ourselves and our readiness to accomplish our mission.

## Don't drink and drive

A senior airman from the 18th Services Squadron was caught driving while drunk. The Airman was stopped as he attempted to drive onto a neighboring military installation. After failing a field sobriety test, the Airman registered a breath-alcohol content of .101 percent. He was punished under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. His punishment included a reduction to airman first class, an additional suspended reduction to airman, a fine of \$668, 30 days extra duty and 30 days restriction to base.

## ACTION LINES

E-mail: [18wg.cchotline@kadena.af.mil](mailto:18wg.cchotline@kadena.af.mil)



Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas  
18th Wing commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

## Too many strays

As far as I'm concerned we are lucky to have a veterinary clinic at all. But they either need to fix the phone service or get rid of it and tell people up front that they'll have to come in to make an appointment. I admit this would be extremely inconvenient for someone like me who is single and flies all the time. But at least I wouldn't spend 20 minutes calling and calling and waiting for someone to answer before realizing I've been duped by an answering machine.

Another thing - would you please consider making it mandatory that any pets adopted from Karing Kennels get spayed or neutered BEFORE they go home with their new owners? Also, this should and could be done BEFORE the animals have had their immunizations (which the veterinary clinic currently requires) and can be done on very young kittens and puppies (the veterinary clinic also says the animal must be at least 5-6 months old before the operation). This is how spay and neuter is routinely handled in the United States and it has really helped reduce the number of unwanted animals and strays. It works so well because the opportunity for people to fail to do the responsible thing is made a 'non-issue.' Even if the animal is later abandoned at least it will be unable to

reproduce.

The vet clinic says they wouldn't be able to provide 'other services' if they did spay or neuter this way. I don't think that is true, but so what if it was? The stray animal problem both on and off base here is wildly out of control. If animals from Karing Kennels were fixed prior to going home with their new owners, it would preclude any possibility of them producing yet more animals that no one wants.

I share your concern, which is why we recently formed a Vet Clinic working group to address these two issues and more. As a result, the 18th Communication Squadron surveyed the phone system at the Vet Clinic and made some changes. We hope that the latest adjustments to the system will improve the service, and we will continue to monitor the system for deficiencies and further improvements. We also have an online appointment system that you can locate on the 18th

Services home page: <http://www.18services.com/vetweb/index.htm>.

The Vet Clinic caught up on their backlog of spays and neuters and is now performing those surgeries prior to any animals being adopted from Karing Kennels. Thanks for your call — the Kadena Veterinary Clinic is looking forward to serving you better in the future.



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## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff. Sgt. Arwa A. Conde

Detachment 3, Air Force Institute for Operational Health (AFIOH) NCO in-charge, commander's support staff

Hometown: New York, N.Y.

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Conde is a superb personnel program manager and maintains administrative oversight/computer operations for the Air Force's only overseas environmental and industrial health laboratory.

Time at Kadena: 2 years 2 months

Editor's note: Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.

**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE:** Did you know -- About three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Okinawa International Carnival will be held at the Okinawa Children's Zoo, Saturday and on Gate 2 Street, Sunday. More than 200 volunteers are needed from the community:

- 50 adult volunteers are needed to march in the parade. Contact Keiko Toma at 634-7485.

- 150 child volunteers are needed for soccer and basketball games, Saturday and for the International tug-of-war, Sunday. Contact the youth center at 634-0500.

**LORE BRIEFINGS:** Exercise briefings for the upcoming local operational readiness exercise will be at the Base Theater Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., and Nov. 12 at 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

**CFC BOWL-A-THON:** The Air Force Sergeants Association is sponsoring a Bowl-A-Thon Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All proceeds go to the Combined Federal Campaign. Contact Master Sgt. Tricia Benning at 634-5163, if interested.

**KADENA'S ART AUCTION:** The booster club is holding an art auction of original prints by some of Japan's most acclaimed artists, Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m. Bidding

## 'Higher' recruiting



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

**Troy Hubbard looks at the Texas University booth at a college fair in the Kadena High School Gymnasium Tuesday. The fair had booths from several colleges with alumni from many of the schools on hand for questions. Mr. Hubbard is an 11th grader from Kadena High School and wants to study architecture in college.**

begins at 7 p.m. For more information, call the gallery at 933-5181.

**FAR EAST VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT:** Kadena High School will host a volleyball tournament Monday to Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Department of Defense teams from Guam, Korea, Japan, Okinawa, and other international teams will compete. The championship game

will be held Nov. 13 at Kadena High School. All events are free and open to the public. Contact Dr. Stephanie Steadman or Mr. Brian Hill at 634-7833 for more details.

**SUICIDE/VIOLENCE BRIEFING:** The Life Skills Support Center is holding suicide and violence briefings Nov. 18 at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Keystone Theater.

**ENERGY AWARENESS WEEK:** The 18th Civil Engineer Squadron will offer energy conservation tips at an Energy Awareness booth Nov. 26 outside the base exchange from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**POSTAL ADVISORIES:** When mailing battery operated toys, games, appliances, etc., remove the batteries and wrap them separately to prevent any damage. For more information, call 634-3266.

- Starting Nov. 15 through Dec. 13, holiday season mailing hours will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday for parcel mailing and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for parcel pick up. The post office will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for parcel mailing and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for parcel pick up. From Nov. 21 to Dec. 19, parcel pick up hours on Sundays will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Customers with five or more parcels to mail can call 634-1351 to make an appointment to avoid long lines.

- Below are the Christmas holiday mailing deadlines:

*Okinawa to United States* -  
Space available mail, Nov. 20  
Parcel airlift mail, Nov. 27  
Priority mail, Dec. 4  
First class letters/cards, Dec. 4  
*United States to Okinawa* -  
Parcel post, Nov. 13  
Space available mail, Nov. 27  
Parcel airlift mail, Dec. 4  
Priority Mail, Dec. 11  
First class letters/cards, Dec. 11



# Kadena officers break culture barrier with JASDF

## CGO's visit Naha base, talk with local pilots

By 1st Lt. Chrystal Smith  
18th Wing Public Affairs

A group of Kadena's company grade officers ventured south to observe their Japanese counterparts who guard Okinawa against all enemies.

More than 20 lieutenants and captains went down to Naha, Okinawa's capital city located near the southern tip of the island, Oct. 29, to learn more about the Japanese Self Defense Force.

The trip was designed to give Kadena's CGOs a glimpse of the JSDF that would enhance awareness and understanding, and foster friendships with some of their Japanese equivalents.

Capt. Shuree Gillespie of the 18th Medical Support Squadron took the lead on this project, one of many constructed by Kadena's Company Grade Officers Council to enhance junior officer development.

"Understanding feeds appreciation," she said. "I think it's important to understand what we can do to strengthen the relationships that exist between us. It strengthens the foundation of established relations if, and when, we have to support one another in extraordinary situations."

The visit allowed the American military officers to get a closer look at operations on Naha Air Base, and adjust their perspective of how they view the Japanese military.

The JASDF officers briefed the Kadena CGOs on their primary mission, and allowed them an extra special look at several unique missions assigned to the Naha base, such as search and rescue, aircraft operations and air traffic control operations.

American military officers got a closer look at



Air Force/1st Lt. Chrystal Smith

**Capt. William Miller, 390th Intelligence Squadron chief of operations watch, is ushered by Capt. M. Wani, Japanese Self Defense Force pilot, as he gets out of a F-4 Phantom cockpit at Naha Air Base, Oct. 29. The Kadena company grade officers toured Naha Air Base as part of a program geared towards the enhancement of foreign relations and professional development.**

operations on Naha Air Base, and adjusted their perspective of how they view the Japanese military. As a result, many of them found that they are not so different from the way U.S. air operations are carried out, said Capt. Gillespie.

"The thing that impressed me most is that

their operations are very similar to ours," said Capt. Brigitte Jones, 18th Dental Squadron, pediatric dentist. "I can't say that I was expecting something significant, but I can say that I came away enlightened and more knowledgeable of what the Japanese military does."

## What's the hold up?



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower

**Airman First Class Denise Garcia, 18th Security Forces Squadron, checks identification cards as cars pass through gate 5 to Kadena, Monday. This is the first time this year that gate 5 has opened for all access due to the closure of gate 2, which is scheduled to be under construction until September 2005.**

## Defense officials 'pause' anthrax vaccinations

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense officials are "pausing" the anthrax vaccination program while they review a preliminary injunction issued Oct. 27 by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The injunction did not question the safety and effectiveness of the anthrax vaccine or the DOD immunization program. The injunction centered on Food and Drug Administration procedural issues stating that additional public comment should have been sought before FDA officials issued their final rule in December 2003, a DOD spokesman said.

Defense officials said the vaccination program is an important force protection measure. Research conducted by several prominent medical experts and a report by the National Academy of Sciences have shown that the anthrax vaccine is safe and effective for all forms of anthrax exposure.

As a result of the injunction, DOD officials said they will pause the vaccinations until the legal situation is clarified.

The ruling is similar to the judge's injunction issued in December 2003. At that time, DOD officials also paused the program pending clarification of the legal issues. The 2003 injunction was lifted roughly two weeks later.

DOD remains convinced the program complies with all the legal requirements, and the vaccine is safe and effective, officials said.

A copy of Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld's memorandum concerning the action is at [www.defenselink.mil/news/Oct2004/d20041027anthrax.pdf](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Oct2004/d20041027anthrax.pdf).



# Kadena commandos train with Thai counterparts

By Master Sgt.  
Michael Farris  
353rd Special Operations  
Group Public Affairs

U-TAPAO, Thailand – More than 100 Airmen from Kadena's 353rd Special Operations Group have begun training with Thai Army, Air Force and Navy units in joint-combined exchange training aimed at

exercising mission essential tasks in a challenging environment.

According to Lt. Col. David Mobley, Air Force mission commander, the training is important because it allows the SOG to run through its paces in a deployed environment without all the luxuries from home.

"Despite the fact that every aspect of the group is represented here, we're maintaining a relatively small footprint," he said.

"We've squeezed a lot of tasks into a month's time and continue to sustain a high operations tempo. We have planes flying nearly every day and the maintenance challenge is continuous," he said.

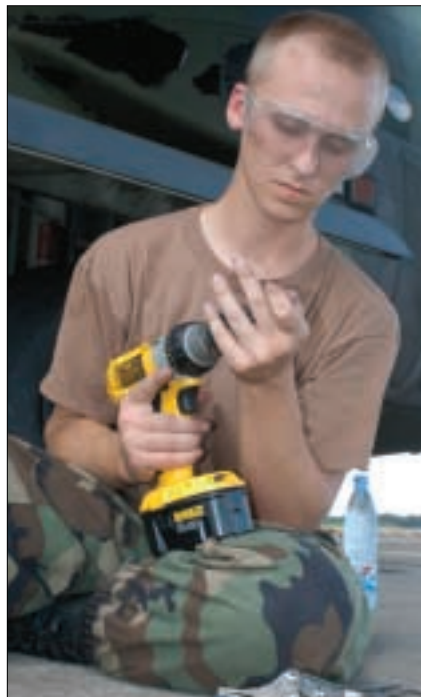
Missions scheduled for the month-long exchange training include airdrop; air refueling; aerial resupply; static line and high-altitude low-opening personnel jumps; infiltration/exfiltration of personnel; and air-field operations.

Aircrews, maintainers and support personnel are focusing on mission essential tasks while operating shoulder to



Air Force/Master Sgt. Michael Farris

Members of the 353rd Maintenance Squadron repair an engine on an MC-130H Combat Talon II under a POW-MIA banner. Staff Sgt. Jeremy Coyle, a dedicated crew chief, proudly displays this flag when the plane is undergoing maintenance. The maintainers and other members of the 353rd Special Operations Group are at U-Tapao Air Base, Thailand for joint combined exchange training with Thai and U.S. Special Forces units.



Air Force/ Master Sgt. Michael Farris  
Airman 1st Class Jonathan Fockler, a sheet metal specialist from the 353rd Maintenance Squadron, repairs a bracket on the landing gear assembly on an MC-130H Combat Talon II. Fockler and other members of the 353rd Special Operations Group will be training in Thailand through mid November.

shoulder with their Thai counterparts.

The Thais are area experts and have a lot to share, according to SOG operators.

The nature of winds, tidal currents, and identification of local flora and fauna are just a few exam-

ples of what SOG operators are learning from their Thai counterparts.

"Thailand is a fantastic country to train in because it includes environments we don't find in Okinawa," Colonel Mobley said. "Mountains in the north, water in the south and jungles

almost everywhere offer fantastic training opportunities."

The U-Tapao airstrip is located on a Royal Thai Naval Base 60 miles southeast of Bangkok and served as a deployed base for USAF aircraft during the late 60s and early 70s.

## KES says no to drugs

By 2nd Lt Timothy Lundberg  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Kadena Schools participated in Red Ribbon Week from Oct. 22 to Oct. 29 to raise drug awareness and educate parents on how to teach their children to say "no."

More than 1,200 students, teachers, parents and guests helped kick off the week-long program with a parade Oct. 22 at Kadena Elementary School.

Red Ribbon week officially started Monday, Oct. 25 with all students receiving a red ribbon to show their commitment to be drug free. During the rest of the week, the students had days set aside respectively to: hug the school's panda mascot, sign a petition to be drug free, and wear sneakers to avoid having drugs "sneak up on them." On the last day, they wore something red to show their support for resisting and eliminating drugs.

Event organizers encouraged parents to talk with their children about saying "no" by role-playing

situations in which tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs are offered to them by friends or strangers. Additionally, they said parents should talk with their kids about the false and misleading images used in advertising, television and movies.

Paul R. Howell, 18th Medical Group demand reduction program manager, said that it's not just about education, it's about helping them find a way to fix the problems. "The benefit of this week is to increase people's awareness of the problems and of the solutions," he said.

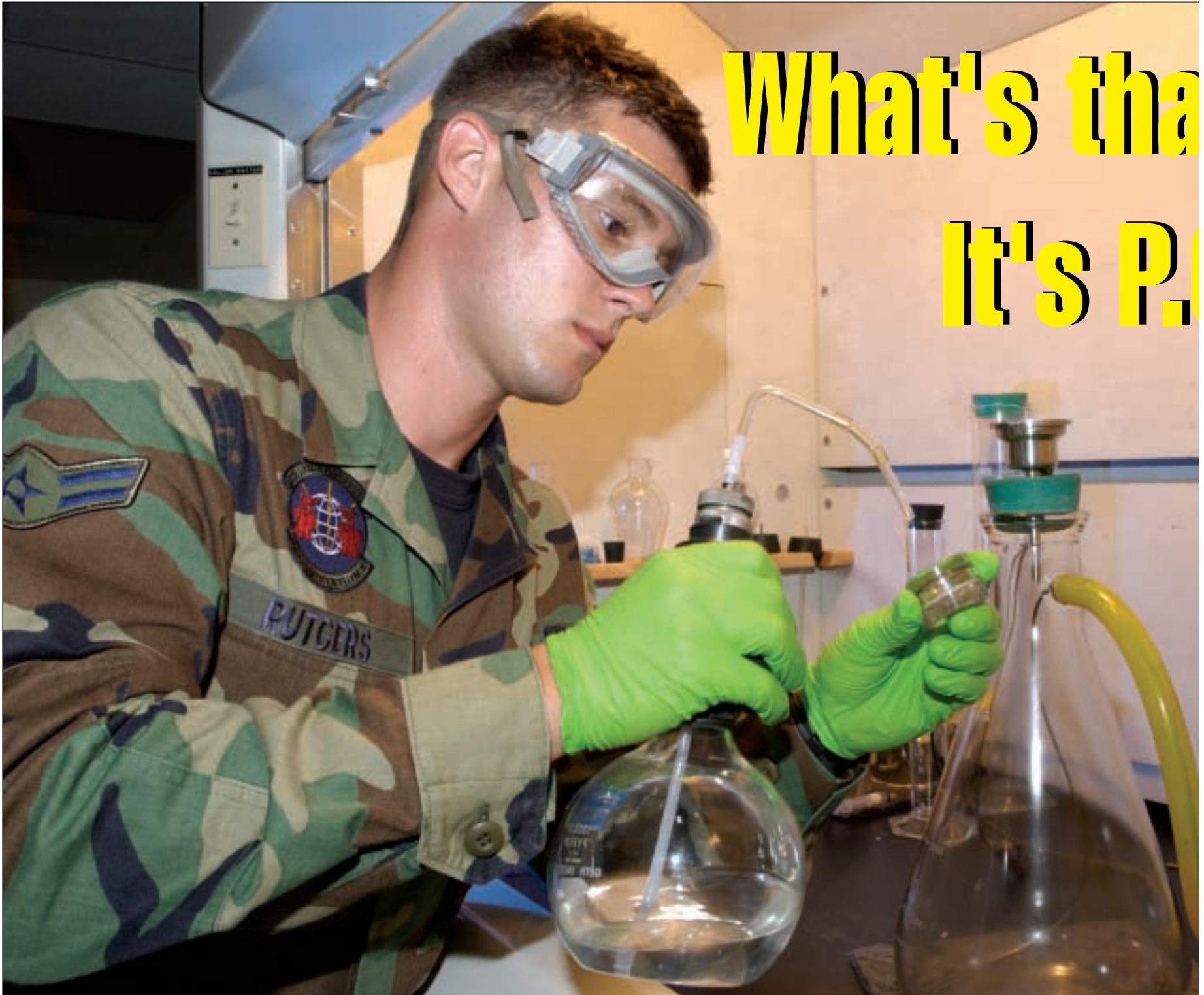
The first Red Ribbon Week was held in Norwalk, Calif. in 1986. In 1988, under the leadership of the National Family Partnership with Nancy Reagan as honorary chairperson, Congress proclaimed the first nation-wide, eight-day Red Ribbon Week in honor of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. Camarena was an undercover drug enforcement agent who was kidnapped, tortured and murdered by a Mexican drug gang.

## McGruff not always tough

Tori Kerr, 2, gives a big hug to McGruff the crime fighting dog at the Just Say Boo to Drugs Carnival held at Stearley Heights Elementary School, Oct. 30. McGruff greeted children with balloons as they entered the carnival.







# What's that It's P.O.

Airman 1st Class Adam Rutgers, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron lab technician, tests a fuel sample at the fuels management flight lab. The flight's missions is to ensure missile propellants are acquired or produced and issued safely and efficiently to using organizations.

## Kadena fuels flight keeps gas flowing

By Senior Airman  
Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Imagine dealing with 1.5 million gallons of jet fuel per month; getting it, storing it, inspecting it, and ultimately fueling one of the Air Force's most important resources -- aircraft.

That is seemingly a lot of fuel the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels flight (also known as Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants, or POL) pumps out to Kadena's aircraft each month, but it is only a small portion of the 51 million gallons stored on Kadena.

"POL is the life blood of the Air Force—without POL, pilots are pedestrians," said Airman 1st Class Christopher G. Shugart, 18th LRS lab technician.

The fuels flight performs roughly over 2,400 operations per month by fueling Kadena's fighters, tankers, military and non-military aircraft. Above that number, they also fuel government vehicles and equipment.

"Our job is to protect United States and Japanese interests by providing quality petroleum and cryogenic products to the war fighter," said 2nd Lt. Brian J. Boseman, 18th LRS fuels management flight commander.

It is no wonder with Kadena's high operations tempo



Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola  
**Senior Airman Irvin Pigott, a fuels distribution operator, monitors a 5-ton per day Cryogenic Production Plant at the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron Cryogenics Operations.**

that the 18th LRS is the busiest and largest fuels flight in Pacific Air Forces, and one of the largest in the Air Force, according to Lieutenant Boseman.

"We also have the largest cryogenic production plant in the Air Force," said Lieutenant Boseman.

There is much more to fueling Kadena's aircraft than sticking a hose in the gas tank and squeezing the nozzle. A team of more than 130 personnel are behind the fuel flight making sure Kadena's aircraft are fueled for the fight.

POL is a combined workforce of many different shops - from the cryogenics production plant, which produces and services liquid oxygen and liquid nitrogen, to the fuels lab that runs daily and weekly samples on fuel equipment and systems to ensure the quality of fuels.

"Our job (at the fuels lab) is to sample fuel to make sure it's within specifications—basically, ensure the integrity of the fuel," said Airman Shugart.

Another important aspect of fuels is the resource control center. "The focal point of the fuels flight is the RCC, which controls all flight line servicing operations and manages all issues and fuel receipts," said Lieutenant Boseman.

Despite having more than 10 separate shops, POL efficiently fuels Kadena's aircraft as a team. "POL is like a brotherhood," said Lieutenant Boseman. "I'm working with people who know that the job they're doing has a major impact on the overall mission."

"POL is the place to be," he said with a smile.





Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola  
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Airman 1st Class Jesse Gath, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels bulk storage attendant, fills a R-11 refueling unit with jet fuel for use in the hot pits on the Kadena flight line. When aircraft land and taxi to the hot pits, they will be refueled with their engines still running allowing the aircraft to return to the air quickly.



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HOSE: Airman 1st Class Dominick A. Obermeyer carries a hose from a fuel truck to fuel an F-15 aircraft from the 3rd Wing's 12th Fighter Squadron on Kadena. The refueling trucks have a capacity to hold 6,000 gallons of fuel. Airman Obermeyer is a fuels distribution operator with the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

POWDER: Airman 1st Class Michael Amandus takes a sample of liquid oxygen from an aircraft servicing cart to test for odor and contamination at the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Cryogenic Operations. Oxygen remains in a liquid form at temperatures below minus 297 degrees Fahrenheit. At ambient temperatures, the oxygen boils and releases air-breathable oxygen, which is normally used in pressurized aircraft. Airman Amandus is a cryogenics production operator assigned to the 18th LRS.



## The Okinawa Perspective

By Laura Hobbs  
18th Wing Public Affairs

The following is a synopsis of articles about Kadena and the U.S. military that appeared in the locally published newspapers *Okinawa Times* and the *Ryukyu Shimpo* recently.

□ Hefty fines of up to \$500 will be imposed for those caught gabbing on cell phones while operating a vehicle. [Editors Note: The on-base cell phone policy is to pull over and park if you need to use the phone.]

□ The bank of Japan started using new and improved ¥1,000, ¥5,000, and ¥10,000 bills Monday, and it is expected to take about 2 years for old bills to be circulated out. The last time they were updated was twenty years ago. This is the first time in history that a female appears on Japanese currency. The new ¥5,000 bill features Ichiyo Higuchi (1872-1896), a Meiji Era novelist and poet.

□ Members of the Overseas Basing Commission, which makes recommendations to the President regarding overseas military reorganization, will visit Okinawa later this month. According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the commission will visit U.S. military bases under the Pacific Command from Nov. 12-22. The trip includes bases throughout Japan – including Kadena.

□ The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee held a meeting on Nov. 1 in Tokyo and approved a partial return of land in Kadena's Munitions Area. The agreement includes approximately 90,000 square meters for a waste disposal facility and access road, joint use of about 550 square meters in the Army fuel facility, the return of 46 square meters at the Torii Communications Facility (Yomitan Village) for residential development, and joint use of 7,310 square meters of land at Kadena Air Base for a water pipe.

□ On Oct. 31, officials from Ginowan Police Station arrested a Kadena Airman for driving under the influence and for negligence resulting in injury. According to a local police officer, the suspect hit a vehicle when he lost control and entered on-coming traffic lanes. Two local females who were in the vehicle were injured.

# Trick or Treat

## Local children experience American tradition for first time

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Kids dressed in a myriad of costumes, with big grins and cheeks stuffed full of candy, may be the norm for American kids on Halloween.

But for Okinawan kids who participated in this year's Halloween on Kadena, the taste of American culture was a new experience.

More than 50 Japanese students and teachers from Kitatama Elementary School in Chatan Town were escorted Sunday by 30 Kadena volunteers for "trick or treat" in the Jennings Housing area.

"It was fun," said Hiromu Teruya, an 11-year-old local national. "My favorite part was seeing all the Halloween decorations."

Ayumi Esu, a 3rd Grade teacher at Kitatama, said she thought it was nice that the base allowed Okinawa children to participate in the American tradition.

"I think it's very neat, especially for the local kids to experience [another] culture," she said. "It's the only opportunity for kids to communicate with American kids and say 'Hi' to each other."

This was also the first time Ms. Esu participated in Halloween. "It was very fun. I got a lot of candy too," she said with a giggle.

The Kadena volunteers also seemed



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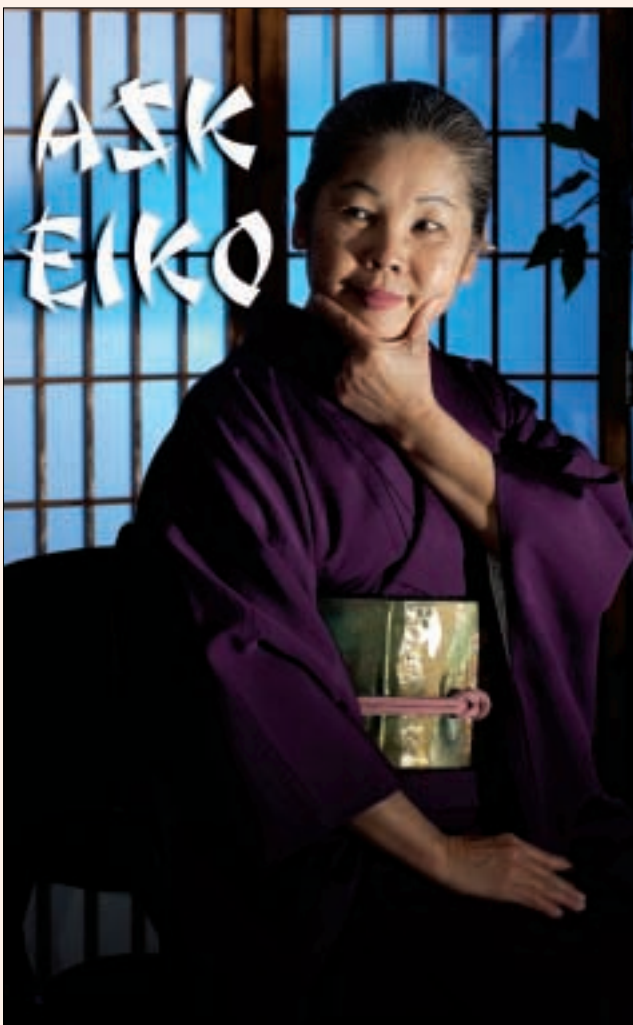
Yurika Hiroshima, 6, says "trick or treat" as she gets candy from Tech. Sgt. Richard Eversole, 18th Communications Squadron alternate wing communications security manager, Halloween night. Yurika and other students from Kitatama Elementary School joined American children to experience the Halloween tradition of trick or treating.

to enjoy themselves.

"It was great," said Master Sgt. Tony Davis, 18th Wing Command Post superintendent. "The Japanese kids were analyzing what kind of candy they got, because they're not used to seeing that

kind of candy."

Hiromu Teruya said, "If there's an opportunity, yes, I would like to do it again," as all the Kitatama Elementary participants agreed when asked about doing it again next year.



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"Ask Eiko" is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions to Kadena's family support center's cultural awareness expert, Eiko Ishikawa. To submit a question, send an e-mail to [ask.eiko@kadena.af.mil](mailto:ask.eiko@kadena.af.mil).

**Q : What are Shisa and why do the pairs have different faces?**

**A :** The Shisa was introduced to Japan from China. Although sometimes referred to as "Temple Dogs" the original Chinese versions were Stone Lions (Shi Shi).

Shisa were traditionally placed on the gates of temples and castles, on the tombs of aristocrats, and on the roads leading into and out of communities. The first Okinawan Shisa is said to have appeared in the 17th Century when the residents of Kochinda Town placed a very large stone Shisa overlooking the town to protect against fire. Shisas placed on the rooftops of private homes first began when a master craftsman made one out of leftover tile and plaster and placed it on the roof as a way of thanking a house owner for employing him. This custom began to be very popular during the Meiji period (1868-1912).

Normally, the Shisa with the open mouth is the male. The mouth is open to show the fangs to scare away evil spirits. The female's mouth is closed to hold in the good luck. Shisa do not have to be in pairs. The location where the Shisa is to be used determines the number. For example, normally a single male is placed on a rooftop. A pair is normally used at a gate or entrance with one on either side.





Little devils



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower Cara Fitzgerald, 12, and her dog, Mitzi, show off their prize winning costumes at Dogtober Fest sponsored by Karing Kennels at the Chibana recreation center Oct. 31. The pair won first place in the scariest costume category. More than 65 people and 40 dogs turned out for the Kennel's third annual contest.

exhibit. For further information, stop by any Youth Programs facility or call 634-0500.

**YOUTH AND ADULT BOWLING TOURNAMENT:** The Okinawa Youth Alliance Bowling Association is sponsoring a tournament at Emery Lanes. Sign-ups begin at 12:30 p.m., bowling begins at 1 p.m. Call 632-3258.

**GATE 2 STREET CARNIVAL:** Youth ages 9 to 12 years are invited to sign-up for a Tug-of-War, 3-on-3 basketball game, or a soccer shoot out held during the Gate 2 street carnival. Youth can register at any youth program facility or call 634-0500.

**DANCE INSTRUCTORS WANTED:** Kadena Youth Programs is accepting applications for dance instructors. Call Kadena Youth Center at 634-0500 or the Teen Center Millennium at 634-3866.

**SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS:** One-hour sessions from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

**TABLETOP WARRIORS CLUB:** Join the Schilling Community Center for great tabletop gaming from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 634-1387.

**FINE FASHION JEWELRY:** Featuring a line of necklaces, earrings, rings, and more from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

**MEMBERSHIP NIGHT AT THE ROCKER:** Free buffet-style dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. and games and prize giveaways from 7 to 9 p.m. Open to club members and an eligible guest. Followed by all the best in high energy, rock, country, and top 40 music in Coyote Ugly Night starting at 10 p.m.

**MACHINE PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS:** From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Top 40 in the lounge from 8 p.m. until closing.

SUNDAY

**GATE 2 STREET CARNIVAL:** Youth ages 9 to 12 years are invited to sign-up for a Tug-of-War, 3-on-3 basketball game, or a soccer shoot out held during the Gate 2 street carnival. Youth can register at any youth program facility or call 634-0500.

**ROCKER COLLEGIATE GAME DAY:** Root for your favorite college football team at the Rocker NCO Club starting at 7:30 a.m.

**FAMILY DAY:** Games are reduced price for parents and children who bowl together at Emery Lanes from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. A three game limit may apply.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Top 40 Melt-down from 7 to 11 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** All that Jazz from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. followed by open mic from 8 p.m. until closing.

MONDAY

**WRITE ON:** Write a one page essay telling what you are thankful for in a "Let's give thanks" essay contest for children ages 6 to 12 years. Include name, address, and phone number on the essay and turn it in before Nov. 20. Winners will be announced during Open Recreation on Nov. 24. Open to youth center members only. Call the Kadena Youth Center at 634-0500.

**EXPLORE THE NORTH TOUR:** Call ITT at 634-4322.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER TO GO:** Get a complete Thanksgiving dinner to go at the Banyan Tree Club and the Rocker NCO Club for \$64.95. Serves 8 to 12 people. Call the Banyan Tree at 634-0644 or the Rocker at 634-0740 to place an order. Members who show their club card receive a \$5 discount. Kadena Officers Club is also accepting orders Nov. 1 to 22. Call 634-3663 for more details.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING:** Children ages 9 to 18 can bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes. All 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290.

**CAKE DECORATING:** Learn the techniques for mastering the basics of cake decoration from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

**HOME AND GIFT SALE:** Find tableware, framed pictures, children's gifts, lamps, globes, and more Nov. 1 to 9 at the Schilling Community Center.

**JAPANESE ANTIQUES:** Find Japanese dolls, Hina dolls, sake sets, carvings, obis and hangers and other local and Mainland antiques from Nov. 1 to 9 at the Schilling Community Center.

**ASHIMINE CHILDREN HOME:** Volunteer and join the Youth and Teen Center every Monday at 5:30 p.m. to interact with Japanese youth. Activities may include playing games, arts and crafts, singing songs and simple English lessons.

**JAPANESE CONVERSATION:** Adults can make friends with Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and language from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

**CAKE DECORATING:** Cake decorating for beginners with a certified instructor at the arts and crafts center. Call 634-1666.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Rock around the clock with C Note, classic to modern rock from 7 p.m. until closing.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Fifty

cent hamburgers and hot dogs from 5 to 7 p.m. or until sold-out and variety dance hits from 7 to 11 p.m.

TUESDAY

**SING TO WIN:** Karaoke contest at the Rocker NCO club starting at 9 p.m. First place weekly winners receive \$100 and will compete in the grand final, Nov. 16 for \$500 first place overall. Call 634-0740 for details and rules.

**FOOTBALL FRENZY:** Join the Officers' club at 5 p.m. and root for your favorite NFL team while enjoying complimentary pizza.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Crazy karaoke from 8 to 11 p.m.

**TAI CHI CHUAN:** For ages 18 years and up from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING:** Children ages 9 to 18 can bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes. All 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Rock night with DJ Mad Cap from 7 p.m. until closing and win cash prizes at a pool tournament starting at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

**JAPANESE CONVERSATION:** Adults can make friends with Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and language from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

**KID EXPLORERS:** Ages 10 to 15 years can participate in scrapbooking, fun with foamies, earth friendly wood crafts, bead making and more from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the arts and crafts center. Call 634-1666.

**CAKE DECORATING:** Cake decorating for beginners with a certified instructor at the arts and crafts center. Call 634-1666.

**DRAW A PRICE DAY:** Draw a ball out of a jar after completing your bowling from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and pay from a quarter to a dollar per game at Emery Lanes. Call 634-2290.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING:** Children ages 9 to 18 can bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes. All 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290.

**CAKE DECORATING:** Cake decorating for beginners with a certified instructor. Call 634-1666.

**KUMON MATH:** Children ages 5 to 18 years can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by old school music from 8 p.m. until closing.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Rock night Banyan style featuring the best in local rock bands from 8 to 11 p.m.

THURSDAY

**VETERANS DAY LUNCH MEAL:** Enjoy a wide selection of delicious menu items at the Marshall Dining Facility from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 634-1900.

**OFFICERS' CLUB CLOSURES:** The lunch buffet, catering, administrative office, Flame room, Weekender Lounge, and Barber-shop will be closed due to Veteran's Day. Cafe Latte will open from 7:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. and the membership services counter will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING:** Children ages 9 to 18 can bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes. All 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290.

**TAI CHI CHUAN:** For ages 18 years and up from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

**TOURNAMENT NIGHT FOR TEENS:** Play a variety of card games, board games and air hockey for prizes at the Teen Center. Call 634-3866.

**STAMPING AND EMBOSSING:** Create a beautiful stamped item, suitable for framing at the arts and crafts center. Call 634-1666.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Ladies night from 8 p.m. until closing.

M O V I E S

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

Keystone Theater

- ▲ Today..... The Cookout, PG-13, 6 p.m. Taxi, PG-13, 9 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday..... Vanity Fair, PG-13, noon The Cookout, PG-13, 4 p.m. Taxi, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday..... Vanity Fair, PG-13, noon Anacondas, PG-13, 4 p.m. Taxi, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday..... Surviving Christmas, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday..... Surviving Christmas, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday..... The Cookout, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday..... Friday Night Lights, PG-13, noon Anacondas, PG-13, 4 p.m. Friday Night Lights, PG-13, noon

Butler Theater

- ▲ Today..... The Cookout, PG-13, 7 p.m. Vanity Fair, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday..... Superbabies 2, PG, 1 p.m. The Cookout, PG-13, 4 p.m. Friday Night Lights, PG-13, 7 p.m. Exorcist: The Beginning, R, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday..... The Cookout, PG-13, 1 p.m. Friday Night Lights, PG-13, 4 p.m. Anacondas, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday..... Friday Night Lights, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday..... The Cookout, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday..... Shrek 2, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday..... Exorcist: The Beginning, R, 10 p.m. Napoleon Dynamite, PG, 1 p.m. Surviving Christmas, PG-13, 4 p.m. Cellular, PG-13, 7 p.m.

TODAY

**SINGLE'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT:** Kadena Tennis Center is hosting a tournament Nov. 20 to 21 and Nov. 27 to 28. Players must register to compete before Nov. 7 at the Kadena Tennis Center. Call 634-0695 to register.

**KUMON MATH:** Children ages 5 to 18 years can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

**MILITARY FAMILY FUN FAIR:** Bring the family out to play at the Schilling Community Center parking lot from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Event will feature a DJ, games, food, and more. Call 634-0365.

**RETIRED APPRECIATION DINNER:** The Rocker NCO club will host a dinner for retired military club members Nov. 11 from noon to 3 p.m. RSVP by today at the NCO club or the Officers' club customer service counter.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING:** Children ages 9 to 18 can bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes. All 9-

year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290.

**THUNDER BOWL:** Enjoy loud music and flashing lights while you bowl from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Emery Lanes. Call 634-2290.

**KEYSTONE COUNCIL MEETING:** Teens, ages 13 to 18, can get involved and voice their ideas and opinions for activities, events and field trips for the Teen Center by attending a meeting at the Teen Center Millennium from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Super Snacks from 5 to 7 p.m., Re-mix Fridays-all the best top 40 hits of today and years gone by from 7 p.m. until closing, and First Friday's R & B party.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Super Snacks and Blast from the Past from 5 to 7 p.m. Virus Fridaze from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. and Coyote Ugly Night.

SATURDAY

**HEARTS APART YELLOW RIBBON TOUR:** Take advantage of this special tour just for spouses with deployed sponsors. Call ITT at 634-4322.

**YUI MONORAIL AND KOKUSAI STREET TOUR:** Call ITT at 634-4322.

**YOUTH CENTER FINE ART EXHIBIT:** Kadena Youth Programs is giving budding artists an opportunity to showcase their work. Youth ages 5 to 18 years are invited to submit their artwork before Dec. 1 for a December





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## Pumpin' up the volume

**SQUATS:** Issy Bingham, a registered nurse at E.C. Killin Elementary School on Camp Foster, instructs a weight training class at the Risner Fitness Center Tuesday. Mrs. Bingham, certified by the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America, has been a fitness instructor for 10 years and has been teaching the conditioning class for one and a half years at the Risner.

**CURLS:** Captain Rob Bingham, 17th Special Operations Squadron MC-130P Combat Shadow pilot, participates in a weight training class held at the Risner Fitness Center. Approximately 40 people attended the hour-long up-beat muscle conditioning class that is open to anyone with base access. The class is held Mondays and Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

## FLAG FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Division I-A	W	L
18th CS	2	0
18th CES (A)	2	0
18th AMXS	1	1
18th EMS	1	1
18th LRS	0	2
718th AMXS	0	2

Division I-B	W	L
18th MUNS	1	0
18th SVS	1	0
18th CMS	1	0
18th SFS	0	1
18th CES (B)	0	1
12th EFS	0	1
733rd AMS	-	-

Division II	W	L
353rd MXS	1	0
961st AACs	1	0
18th DS/AMDS	1	0
18th OSS	0	1
353rd OSS	0	1
18th MOS	0	1

## Upcoming games

### Monday--Division I-A

18th LRS vs. 18th CS at 6 p.m.  
18th EMS vs. 718th AMXS at 7 p.m.  
18th CES (A) vs. 18th AMXS at 8 p.m.

### Tuesday--Division II

353rd MXS vs. 18th DS/AMDS at 6 p.m.  
961st AACs vs. 18th OSS at 7 p.m.  
18th MOS vs. 353rd OSS at 8 p.m.

### Wednesday--Division I-B

18th SVS vs. 18th CMS at 6 p.m.  
733rd AMS vs. 18th MUNS at 7 p.m.  
18th CES (B) vs. 12th EFS at 8 p.m.

All games are held at the McDonald Stadium and are subject to change. Call 634-2207/1128.

## SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Division I	W	L
18th MUNS	5	0
18th LRS	5	0
18th EMS	3	2
18th MSS	3	2
18th CMS	3	2
18th MDG	2	3
18th AMXS	1	4
18th SFS	1	4
18th CES	1	4
18th COMM	0	5

Division II	W	L
18th OSS	4	0
554th RHS	3	1
18th AES	3	2
12th EFS	3	2
372nd TRS	2	4
623rd ACF	1	4
733rd AMS	1	3

## Upcoming games

### Tuesday--Division I

18th AMXS vs. 18th MSS at 7 p.m. on A-1  
18th MUNS vs. 18th SFS at 7 p.m. on A-2  
18th COMM vs. 18th CMS at 8 p.m. on A-1  
18th MDG vs. 18th EMS at 8 p.m. on A-2  
18th LRS vs. 18th CES at 8 p.m. on A-4

### Thursday--Division II

18th OSS vs. 12th EFS at 7 p.m. on A-1  
18th AES vs. 733rd AMS at 7 p.m. on A-2  
623rd ACF vs. 554th RHS at 8 p.m. on A-1

Information last updated Nov. 2 by 18th Services Squadron

# 733rd AMS gets first win

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Extramural co-ed softball continues Tuesdays and Thursdays at Kadena's Four Diamonds Softball Complex.

Below are brief summaries of some of last week's matchups.

## Division 1

### 623rd ACF edges 372nd TRS in extra innings, 10 to 9

Clutch hitting by Brad Sanders and Suzanne Brawner of the 372nd Training Squadron was enough to take their team into extra innings, but not enough to bring home a win.

Darrell Bainter, 623rd Air Control Flight pitcher, knocked in the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning. Also capitalizing for the 623rd ACF were Jorge Gonzales and Darryl Patton who each had key hits throughout the game.

Although the 372nd TRS's 2-4 record could not reap any trophies, Gary Solomon, coach for the 372nd

TRS, said his first-year team did benefit from the hard-fought season.

"This was the first time in years that the (372nd) had a team and it brought us all closer together as a detachment," he explained.

### 733rd AMS gets first win in 623rd ACF rematch, 14 to 13

The 733rd Air Mobility Squadron pulled out its first win during the most controversial game of the season. The two teams squared off for the second time this season after a questionable call from an umpire three weeks ago stirred protests from the 623rd ACF team.

"We've been thirsting for this win since game one," said 733rd AMS coach, Michael Smith. "We lost a couple of close games throughout the season, so it felt good to finally get a win under our belt."

"We lost by one run," explained Nathan McKeever, 623rd Air Control Flight coach. "Of course the 733rd had a whole different team this time and we were missing players due to the

NCO Academy graduation."

## Division II

### 18th CMS squeaks by 18th COMM, 16-15

"Ace was the real X-factor for us," said Jason Wilson, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron coach, about his teammate Adrian Abram who finished the game with four hits and nine runs-batted-in. "With his speed, anything hit out of the infield is a triple."

The 18th Communication Squadron started the slugfest in the third inning, scoring five runs. But CMS came back later in the inning with four runs and added another six in the fourth inning. The game battled back and forth all the way until the end when Josh Lacy, 18th CMS, got a base hit to score the game winning run.

"I have to tip my hat to Comm because they never gave up," said Coach Wilson. "That was probably the most fun I have had on the field in a long time."